

REMARKS

The requirement for restriction is the only issue raised in the present Office Action. Applicants provisionally elect Group I (Claims 1-5) with traverse for further prosecution on the merits. The Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application for any non-elected subject matter in this application.

Claim 6 recites “[n]anocomposite solution manufactured according to the method of for preparation of the nanocomposite solution according to claim 1.” Applicants submit that claim 6 is a product-by-process claim (e.g., the product claimed in claim 6 is made by practicing the process claimed in claim 1. In addition, the process claimed in claim 1 is not an obvious process for making the product claimed in claim 6, and the process claimed in claim 1 cannot be used to make another product which is materially different from the subject product of claim 6. Further, the product claimed in claim 6 cannot be made by another process which is materially different from the subject process of claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the process claimed in claim 1 and the product claim in claim 6 do not constitute distinct inventions. Thus, the restriction requirement as to claim 6 is traversed at least for the reasons set forth above.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the presently submitted response, the undersigned respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

If there are any associated or additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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